GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PLANE ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether air accidents are taking place frequently these days;

(b) if so, the details of air accidents that had taken place in the last three years and till date and the reasons for such accidents;

(c) the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government thereon;

(d) whether the Government proposes to make use of any new technology to check air accidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 255 for 30.08.2007 regarding `Plane Accidents`.

(a) and (b):- There have been 3,4 and 5 accidents to Indian Civil Registered aircraft during the year 2005, 2006 and 2007 (till date)respectively. The reasons are improper decision of the pilots, poor crew co-ordination, mechanical/technical problems, poor maintenance, lack of experience and weather disturbances. The safety recommendations emanating from the investigations have been implemented to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

(c), (d) and (e):- Safety recommendations emanating from investigation of aircraft accidents are followed up for implementation with the agencies concerned to prevent their recurrence. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) ensures, on a continuous basis, strict compliance of safety norms by all air operators by way of safety audits. Besides, spot checks on maintenance activities are also carried out by the DGCA. DGCA also keeps updating the Civil Aviation Requirements/Circulars to strengthen aviation safety aspect. To provide better airworthiness schedule for enhancement of air safety aspect, Government is running two international training programmes for the officials of DGCA and airlines, viz., Co-operative Development of Operational Safety & Continuing Airworthiness Programme (COSCAP) and European Union-India-Training Programme.